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SENATE ASKED TO ADOPT CLOTURE BY CHANGING ITS RULES.

Democrats Seemingly Anxious to Pave the Way for the Passage of Free Trade or Partisan Measures.

RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY

LODGE AND BLAIR SEEKING INFOR-MATION FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Special Rule Adopted by the House and Consideration of the Railroad Pooling Bill Begun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The Senate showed its first signs of animation to-day and although the session lasted only until 2:45 p. m., there was time enough for several brisk debates. Mr. Vest's efforts to secure a change in the rules in order to expedite Senate business was the chief event of the day. The usual duliness of a discussion of rules was offset by the prevalent feeling that a cloture rule would have much to do at this particular time with pending tariff bills affecting coal, iron and sugar. Mr. Vest was formerly opposed to eloture, but to-day he announced his con-Persion and said cloture was imperative to maintain the dignity and self-respect of the enate and the esteem of the public. Mr. Chandler's sarcasm at Mr. Vest's conversion enlivened the debate. The question went over until to-morrow, when Mr. Vest will try to secure a vote instructing the rules committee to report a cloture rule by the 15th inst. Another feature of the day was the sharp debate on the Chino-Japanese question, brought out by Mr. Lodge's resolution calling for information as to the torturing of two Japanese students who were under American protection. Mr. Peffer made the first formal speech of the session, criticising, from a Populistic point, the recent issues of bonds and giving his views on

There was not a quorum present when the Senate met, but as there was no demand for a quorum business proceeded with a limited attendance. Bills were introduced by Mr. Berry to form the Territory of Indianola out of portions of the Indian Territory; by Mr. Dolph to exempt from duty | BOOKS foreign exhibits at the Portland, Ore., exposition; by Mr. Hunton, to remit the fines and penalties on the naval ships Yorktown, BOOKS Baltimore, Newark and Philadelphia; by Mr. Dolph, to forfeit the unearned public lands granted to railroads; by Mr. McPherson, by request, for an investigation of the

merits of the plan for a unit of labor. The venerable Mr. Morrill arose at this point and with much earnestness in his tremulous tones stated that on Wednesday he would address the Senate on "Some Marvelous Senatorial Bills, and Some Quack Panaceas for Real and Imaginary Ills."

MR. LODGE'S RESOLUTION. The Vice President laid before the Senate the resolution of Mr. Lodge calling on the Secretary of State for information as to the execution of two Japanese students by Chinese authorities while the students were under the protection of the United States. Mr. Lodge said he appreciated the delicacy of the ques.ion. He reviewed the hideous cruelties to which the Japanese students were subjected while under the protection of this country, and said if the facts were as bad as had been published some one was very much to blame. If they were not this government should be vindicated from the charge.

Mr. Chandler suggested that as the Sena-tor from Alabama (Mr. Morgan) was chair-man of the foreign relations committee, it would be well to know if he saw any objection to securing speedy information.

Mr. Morgan, replying, stated that war was now progressing between China and Japan and it would be unwise to take any action which would appear favorable to one beligerent or the other. Mr. Morgan said his main objection to the resolution was that it was predicated on an impeachment of the President or Secretary of State.

Mr. Lodge answered, with much vigor, that he had not intended to present any impeachment or make any attack. "This country has done a good deal of meddling in this Chino-Japanese affair," said Mr. Lodge sharply. "It began by warning Japan concerning her advances in Corea. From that time we have been meddling—constantly meddling." Mr. Morgan stated that a meeting of th foreign relations committee would be called at once to consider this resolution, and on this assurance it was sent to the commit-

Mr. Peffer then secured the floor for a long and carefully prepared speech, which he read from printed sheets. It referred to his resolution calling for information as to the action of the Secretary of the Treas-ury in issuing bonds, and arraigned pub-lic officials for perfidy and usurpation of resolution was adopted without division. It asked the judiclary committee to inquire into me action of the Secretary of the Treasury in issuing bonds. Another resolution by Mr. Peffer, for in-

mation from the President as to the usof United States troops at Chicago during the Pullman strike, brought out considerdebate on the question of its refer-to committee. Mr. Peffer wanted it passed at once without the delays of Mr. Chandler supported Mr. Peffer's con-

ention. "Now that the President has congress on his hands," said Mr. Chandler, 'It would be well to get all this and other ablic information at the earliest possible oment so that Congress could proceed to

Mr. Pugh called attention to the fact that the grand jury at Chicago was making an investigation, so that it would be detri-mental to public interests to require the President to give information on the strike subject. The resolution was referred to the judiciary committee.

DEBATE ON CLOTURE. Mr. Vest then arose and addressed the Senate on the need of a change of the Senate rules. He modified the form of his previous resolution so that the committee on rules is to report, by Dec. 15, a plan for closing debate. Mr. Vest said he had formerly opposed cloture, but he was now convinced that cloture was inevitable, and that it should be effected as soon as possible. The question was thoroughly understood, having been debated for years, so that the Senate was in a position to act at once. When the Senate numbered forty members there was no need of cloture, but with the Senate increasing so that its mem-bership would soon reach one hundred, it was imperatively necessary to have a rule bringing debate to a close. In reality, the present rules stifle debate. Senators will present rules sine debate. Description of debate a question when they recognize the hopeless condition under which they the hopeless condition under which they "The rules encourage parliamentary

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blackmail," declared the Senator. "Amend-ments to the bills are offered under the de-

liberate threat that if they are not accepted an indefinite opposition will be inaugurated." The Senate had been brought into public

disrepute by its rules. It was popularly regarded as impotent and unable to perform its functions of legislation. Bills of

vast public interest lingered here until they were dead, and the people were weary and disgusted with the spectacle of a powerless Senate. Even when bills passed, after such a contest, they were so discreated as to have no moral support from the public.

Mr. Vest said he had no ulterior purpose

of securing the advancement of the separate

tariff bills. He would vote for these bills.
But in the present case his only object was
to secure the change of rules which was

essential and inevitable.

Mr. Harris added his opinion in favor of a change of rules. But he suggested that

he absence from the city of the chairman of

the committee on rules, Mr. Blackburn, made it unwise to compel the report of a form of cloture by Dec. 15. Mr. Harris said he would undertake to promise that some such resolution would be reported soon after the return of Mr. Blackburn. "Do I understand," said Mr. Aldrich, with irony, "that this new rule is not to apply to legislation of this session; not to the pend-

legislation of this session; not to the pend-ing tariff bills?"

"It aplies to everything," said Mr. Vest.
"If this new rule is adopted," asked M.
II "wil any fier ade ward it an

cial legislation on the lines of the Presi-

Mr. Vest said he was not authorized to

state what would be done in that regard. In order to terminate the random discus-

Mr. Ransom secured recognition to pre-sent the credentials of Patrick Walsh, re-

arm, Messrs. Walsh and Ransom went to

the desk of the presiding officer where

Vest gave notice that he would renew his

motion in behalf of the resolution to-mor-

row. Then, at 2:45 p. m., the Senate went into executive session, and at 2:55 p. m.

RAILROAD POOLING BILL.

Important Measure Discussed in the

House Yesterday.

on the floor was again small when the

House met at noon to-day, and the indica-

tions pointed to another dull day. Im-

mediately after the reading of the journal

Mr. English asked unanimous consent for

consideration of a bill. Mr. Sayers ob-

jected, whereupon Mr. English promptly

objected to a resolution offered by Mr.

Blair, calling on the President to furnish

the House, if not incompatible with the

public interest, with all correspondence,

telegraphic and otherwise, between this

country and China relating to the war be-

tween China and Japan. The resolution

went to the committe on foreign affairs.

Mr. English then demanded the regular

Mr. McRae, from the committee on pub-

lic lands, called up the bill to prevent the

free use of timber on public lands and to

prevent future issue of permits for cutting

timber in Wyoming, New Mexico and Ari-

zona. The section of the bill repealing the

act of March 3, 1891, fixing a limitation of

five years against the United States for

the institution of suits to vacate land

patents met with strenuous opposition, and

it was amended so as to exempt patents

issued to individual settlers. As amended

A bill authorizing the Secretary of the

Interior to receive unsatisfied military

bounty land warrants under the act

1858 at the rate of \$1.25 per acre in payment of lands located under subsequent

Mr. Richardson then called up the con

ference report on the printing bill which

was under consideration yesterday. The

rules, thereupon presented the special orde

for consideration of the railroad pooiing

bill each day after the morning hour unt disposed of. The order was agreed to with out division. The object of the bill is to

authorize competing common carriers, sur ject to the provisions of the interstate

the division of their gross or net earning

and to secure more expeditious and e

ficient enforcement of that law. Applic

tions for pooling together with copies

the contracts must, according to terms

the bill, be filed with the commission, and unless disapproved, become operative twenty days after filing. The other sec-

erce act, to enter into contracts for

report was adopted-136 to 36.
Mr. Outhwalte, from the committee

the bill was passed,

acts, was also passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The attendance

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on. Mr. Harris moved to go into execu-

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> tions of the bill recast the tenth section of the present bill so as to remedy the de-

fects in the penal section, and also amends

the "procedure" section, Another section of the bill requires annual reports from railroads including answers to all questions asked by the commission with fines for

Mr. Patterson, who was in charge of the bill, explained it in an elaborate speech. He

dwelt at length on the oppressiveness of

illegal rate cutting for the benefit of large

shippers citing as an example the Armour Beef Packing Company, of Chicago. That combine, he said, handled in dollars more

beef than the entire cotton crop of the

the price of every bullock on every farm in the South and West. Under the pres-

ent law, he said, it was impossible to se-

cure any convictions for violation of the

and railroad agent were not punishable. This bill aimed at the punishment, not of the clerk or agent, but of the railroad

company itself.
Mr. Wilson, chairman of the ways and

neans committee, offered the usual resolu

tion referring the several parts of the

President's message to the various com-

mittees, but ex-Speaker Grow objected,

stating that he desired to address the

resolution consequently went over until to-

Mr. Cannon did not think administrative

shouldered onto the courts, but that the

revoking of pooling arrangements should be entirely within the control of the com-

mission. Mr. Patterson declared that the

final determination of all rights should be

left to the courts. On the conclusion of

MOCK MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

Dr. C. W. Jacobs Alleged to Have Im-

posed on Mrs. Helen Buck.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5 .- Dr. Charles W. Ja-

cobs, who was arrested at Milwaukee for

participation in a mock marriage, is not

Pitzel, the St. Louis insurance swindler.

Jacobs was unable to get a divorce from

his legal wife in Kansas City, yet wanted

to marry Mrs. Helen Buck, of Chicago. He

disappeared, leading his wife to believe

that he had been killed. Mrs. Buck refused

to live with him until he had secured a

divorce, so got a copy of the Oklahoma

Territory court papers and forged a judg-

ment of divorce. Fearing discovery if he

had a minister marry him, he conceived the

plan of a mock ceremony. The Milwaukee

police have released Jacobs, Mrs. Buck and

According to the police of Chicago, Ja-

cobs has a glittering record. He secured

his diploma from a Cincinnati medical col-

lege and practiced medicine in Omaha and

Kansas City. While in the latter city sev-

eral years ago he married the daughter of

millionaire David S. Skelton, and, it is claimed, made an unsuccessful attempt last

summer to secure a divorce there. Jacobs's

favorite plan for obtaining money was, it

s said, the offering of \$30 worth of work

for a deposit of \$5, but the transaction in-

variably ended, the police say, when he re-ceived the deposit. He was also known as

dealer in diamonds, which business was

carried on without the aid of diamonds.

facobs is also said to have received large

contributions from Western farmers

through divers and questionable schemes.

The theory that he is the missing Pitzel

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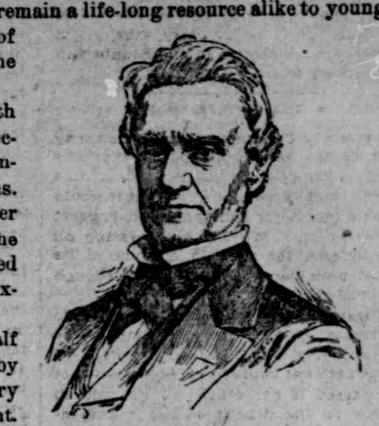
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United States amounted to. The rates made for this corporation practically drove small competitors from the field and fixed WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 .- The Interstateommerce Commission transmitted its eighth annual report to Congress to-day. The report says that it is the duty of shippers, cure any convictions for violation of the anti-pooling section, as both parties to the cut rate were equally guilty before the law, and one could not be made to testify against the other. The pending bill would compel testimony. In a single year it was estimated that there were 173,000 fraudurailroad managers and citizens generally to assist the government in runing down violations of that statute designed to protect their interests. It recommends that the lent shippers on roads running between Chicago. Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York. Under the present law the shipper carrying corporations be made indictable and subject to a fine for violations of the

The report speaks of the unreasonable freight rates from Chicago and Cincinnati Rates to Be Increased When to Southern points. Also of the unreasonable rates on wheat. It refers to the failure of many carriers to post their tariffs as required by law. The commission explains the necessity of providing single classification of freights for the whole country, saying House on the general subjects dealt with in that experience has shown the necessity for congressional action, and supports the belief that uniform classification depends on the passage of a statute requiring its accomplishment. The report states that the railway service which pertains to shipping, billing and the statement, collection and correction of charges, especially as to the traffic over connecting roads, is conducted with much uncertainty, lack of system and regularity, so that it justifies charges of gross carelessness and disregard of the rights of the shipping public. Cariers ought to publish their tariff rates and schedules plainly enough, and employ agents sufficiently skilled to enable them to correctly quote rates to shippers. The fact that carriers undertake, after the collection of overcharges, to adjust the same, while right and proper in itself, does not furnish an excuse or justification for the practice of overcharging to the extent to which it is carried on. The present method of adjusting claims of this character is atended with such delay and vexation to claimants that it is extremely unsatisfactory, resulting in

great injustice to shippers and consignees. Undercharges also result in grave injus-It is stated that the provision of the law relating to through routes and through rates, on account of the limited meaning which has been given to it by the courts, is practically inoperative, and it is strong-ly urged that the law be amended in order to give effect to the intention of Congress in respect to this matter. After a lengthy review of the railroad pooling bill the report says: "We submit for ne consideration of Congress that pooling without other remedial legislation is unadvisable. Pooling under conditions to be approved by the commission and rendered capable of easy and direct regulation with accompanying effective remedial legislation we believe might be safely tried." On the government ownership of railroads the commission refrains from expressing

As to the great strike of 1894, the commission states its reasons for not entering on an investigation of this matter. The controversy included matters outside of the commission's jurisdiction. It is urged that the commission should have express authority by statute to investigate the acts of all parties in relation to such matters.
As to the financial condition of railways, reference is made to the financial embarriassment of railways resulting from the commercial depression and other causes. On June 30, 1894, there were 156 roads in the hands of receivers. While the financial depression has been a factor in bringing about the embarrassment of rallways, is believed that many of the receiverships were the natural sequence of mismanagement, overcapitalization and ill advised projecting. Aithough the traffic has largely decreased during the year, the rates have also declined, showing that there has been unusual competition for the de-The commission includes in its repor statistics of railways for the year ending one 30, 1893. On that date there were 174,461,07 miles of line in the United States, ing an increase during the year of 4.897.55

miles. The number of railway corporations was 1,890, being an increase of sixty-eight over the previous year. The capitalization of the roads reporting was \$10,506,235,410, the number of passengers carried was 593,560,612 and the number of tons of freight carried 745,119,482. The gross earnings were \$1,220,751,874 and the operating expenses, \$827,921,299, leaving net earnings of \$392,930,575, which is equivalent to \$2,314 per STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

mile of line. The commission calls further attention to The commission calls further attention to the legislative enactment requiring the application of automatic coupiers and other application of automatic coupiers and other applications on the locomotives and cars of the railways and gives figures showing to what extent equipments had been fitted with such appliances up to June 30, 1893. It is stated that all new cars ordered by the railways are being supplied with automatic couplers and a large proportion with air The accidents of the year show little decrease on account of the use of automatic

couplers and such a result is not expected until more uniformity in such appliances has been attained. The report concludes with a summary of desirable amendments to the interstate-commerce law.

SMELTERS FORM A TRUST.

"Combine" Is Perfected. DENVER, Col., Dec. 5 .- Col. L. Smith, president of the Union Smelting Company, which has large works at Leadville, confirms the report that a smelter combine had been formed. The Union smelter is not in the combine, and Mr. Smith says it has been boycotted by the trust. "We had an invitation to go in," said Mr. Smith, but because we did not go around begging for terms the trust is going to discipline us. I do not know who the officers of the combine are, but they meet in the office of the Philadelphia Refining Company. The clearing-house feature of the scheme is a good one, and if that was all there was to it we would be in favor

"What is the clearing-house feature "Why, each smelter registers all of its contracts for ore in the trust clearing house. The ores are delivered clearing house and paid for and are dis-tributed to the different smelters in such a way that each gets its share of the ore, but the classes of ore are so distributed that the smelters are all supplied with the kinds of ores they need the most, so no smelter has to be shut down for want of a certain kind of ore. Under the old plan. if a smelter ran short of a fluxing ore, for instance, it would have to go into the market and buy it, and often would be compelled to pay a fancy price or shut down, and the smelter would lose money in the operation. The clearing-house plan distributes the different classes evenly." "Has the trust attempted to raise rates

that is the main reason for the combine. It must first get all the smelters in. The Utah smelters are out yet and we are the only one of any account in this State that is out. Just as soon as they can get things fixed the plan is to raise the rates.'

"DOVIE" COMSTOCK DEAD.

A Beautiful Wayward Woman Ends a Varied Career in Jail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- The death of Mrs. Edith Armstrong, better known as "Dovie" Comstock, in a Kansas jail, ends a strange career of a beautiful and notorious woman. All those who knew "Dovie" Comstock in her childhood at Washington speak of her beauty. The name was given her because it fitted her. She was a laughing, wayward child. It seemed natural that she should fall in love with Walter G. Comstock, of Providence, who was rich, handsome and young. His father was very rich. He is a near relative of the Armours and was in the wholesale meat business. They lived in Providence on Parkis avenue, in the finest house in the aristocratic Elwood section. They plunged at once into the social world. It was not long before she gathered about her a coterie of young men, many of them not in the fash set. These young men drank quantities of wine. Young Comstock was at first delighted with his wife. Then his eyes were opened and he got a divorce. It is said that the corespondent was Samuel Post, the man who was killed by Ella Nelson. ome time after the divorce Mrs. Comstock came to New York and lived in various hotels. In July, 1890, she moved to No. 344 Smith street, Brooklyn. It was there she met Theodore Larbig, who lost his

life through her. He was forty-three years of age—a man who had seen life. Intercourse with many people, coupled with checkered and valuable experience in California, had given him a certain polish. But it was his great strength and self-con-fident manner which attracted Mrs. Comstock. He became a constant visitor to her flat when he was in town. In May she moved to No. 278 Rackett street and took as a boarder Darwin J. Meserole, son of General Meserole. She had known Mes-erole several years and had been very in-timate with him. On June 27, 1891, Larbig timate with him. On June 27, 1891, Larbig called at the house and began quarreling with Mrs. Comstock. Meserole interfered, and a fight ensued, in which Meserole shot and killed Larbig. The trial attracted a good deal of attention. The young man was acquitted. William J. Gaynor was counsel for the defense. Ten months later "Dovie" was married to John L. Watkins, and a short time afterward he went West. Being a victim of the opium habit, her downfall was rapid. downfall was rapid.

Student Disfigured for Alleged Dis-

HAZING'IN CALIFORNIA.

loyalty to His Former University.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5 .- Disloyalty to the University of California, at which he has, until recently, been an undergraduate, was the reason given for the hazing of Claude G. Campbell, son of a Methodist minister at Los Angeles, by his fellow students. Campbell's offense consisted in wearing the Stanford colors and jeering the football team of the University of California. He is also accused of having given information regarding the condition and tactics of his university team to the opposing players. Campbell was caught after midnight on his way to his quarters, seized and blindfolded. With a dull razor the students shaved one side of his head and cut off his eyebrows and eyelashes. His head was daubed with red ink, Stanford colors having been worked into his surviving locks with mucilage. On one cheek was a red "S" for Stanford; on the other a "T" for traitor. He was stripped and his body covered with the same letters. Campbell is a slender cripple and explains that he was a former Stanford student. intending to return to that university in January. The faculty will consider the case on its merits.

Her Husband's Grave Empty. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 5 .- At the request of the widow of Gus Dams, who committed suicide a month ago, Dams's grave in Oak Grove cemetery was opened today. It was found to be empty The body had undoubtedly been removed by ghouls, who belong, it is believed by the police, to the same local college from whom half a dozen students were recently arrested and fined for body snatching. Mrs. Dams will sue the city for damages. Councilman Convicted of Bribery.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 5 .- The jury in the case of the State vs. Nume Dudossat. a member of the City Council, charged with bribery, which has been on trial for more than a week, after thirty-six hours' de-liberation, returned a verdict of guilty.

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